

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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Plaintiff,                    )                                   Cr. No. 25-cr-0879 JB  
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vs.                            )  
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HERIBERTO SALAZAR-AMAYA et al., )  
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Defendant.                    )

**UNITED STATES' WITNESS LIST**

The United States of America submits this list of witnesses for trial in this matter. The United States reserves the right to supplement this list.

**Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”)**

1. Special Agent (“SA”) Gillian Polinko
2. SA David Zimmerman
3. Assistant Special Agent in Charge (“ASAC”) Jeffrey Armijo
4. Group Supervisor (“GS”) Billy Baker
5. SA Justin Mason
6. SA Dominic Maldonado
7. SA Trish Whelan
8. Task Force Officer (“TFO”) Lorenzo Herrera
9. TFO Chris Pena
10. TFO Erick Castaneda
11. GS Christopher “Scott” Godier
12. SA Fernando Molina

13. SA Kevin Mondragon
14. SA Collin Stradling
15. TFO Tom Novicki
16. Acting GS Josh Belida
17. SA Ian McKenzie-Wardell
18. SA Caleb Brown
19. SA Jennifer Hernandez
20. SA Jeff Simms
21. TFO Frank Chavez
22. TFO Clarence Davis
23. TFO Travis Chavez
24. TFO Kenny Schnakenberg
25. TFO Bryan Shields
26. GS Jeff Mauldin
27. SA Ronald Zach Sanders
28. TFO Eloy Montoya
29. TFO Sarah Martinez
30. SA Tim Piatt
31. SA Emmett Fritz
32. TFO Israel Rodriguez
33. Faron Segotta – Evidence Custodian
34. Resident Agent in Charge (“RAC”) Sharon Jones
35. SA Todd Hoagland

36. SA Jeff Thomas
37. TFO Geno Zuniga
38. TFO RJ Smith
39. SA Dave Klingman
40. SA Teegan Hand
41. SA William Chipain
42. SA Kenny Bain
43. TFO Ian Anderson
44. GS Michael Swift
45. SA Gillian Hotchkiss
46. SA Maguerite DeFranco
47. SA Ray Miramontes
48. SA Toby Curry
49. GS Enoch Smith
50. TFO Jared Angell
51. SA Jordan Pisano
52. SA Nathanael Parker
53. SA Eric Breyer
54. TFO Jerom Bradbury
55. SA Geronimo Abrahao
56. TFO Daniel Weber
57. TFO Garber
58. TFO Grays

59. SA M. Downs

Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”)

60. SA Daryl Aragon

Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”)

61. SA Sean Macmanus

62. SA Francisco Hurtado

63. SA Courtney Gale

64. SA Aran Marquis

65. SA Christine Zachry

66. SA Tyler Derderian

67. SSA Margaret Girard

68. SA Alexandra Rodriguez

69. SA Ryan Davis

70. SA Robert Balint

71. SA Jordan Spaeth

72. TFO Jerrod Pelot

73. TFO Andrew Feist

74. TFO Christopher Maestas

United States Marshals Service (“USMS”)

75. Deputy United States Marshal (“DUSM”) Raul Mojica

76. DUSM Michael Siebman

77. DUSM Kevin Hinson

78. DUSM Silas Zimmerman

79. SDUSM Ben Segotta

80. TFO Andrew Limon

81. TFO Lorenzo Mora

82. TFO Mitch Bengston

83. TFO Cutter Pryde

United States Probation and Pretrial Office

84. Probation Officer Jacob Gomez

United States Department of Homeland Security

85. Agent Menocal, Enforcement and Removal Operations

Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”)

86. Nicholas Jackson

Isleta Police Department

87. Sgt. Michael Huckleby

88. Detective Tommy Romero

89. Detective Nikki Lowe

90. Detective Patrick Hein

Lea County Drug Task Force

91. Commander David Ibarra

92. Deputy Commander Ysidoro Reyna

93. Agent Mickey Henderson

94. Agent Preston Hitchcock

95. Agent Andrew Lane

96. Agent Timothy Budrow

Lea County Sheriff's Office

97. Deputy Aaron Navarrette
98. Deputy Clara Marquez
99. Deputy James Lara
100. Deputy Mara Goins
101. Deputy William Able

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

102. J. Clapper
103. T. Clancy
104. W. White
105. D. Shabazz
106. K. Doolan
107. A. Cuozzo
108. T. Helton
109. M. Sollin
110. F. Villegas Gonzales
111. A. Hernandez
112. K. Beasy
113. R. Imming
114. D. Durand
115. J. Cambra
116. B. Allmon
117. B. Samarripa

118. Z. Herrera

119. A. Tramundanas

120. J. Maitem

121. E. Sanchez

122. J. Cesolini

123. C. Rupert

124. T. Banuelos

125. A. Lawson

126. C. Tymeson

127. A. Hamad

Phoenix Police Department

128. Detective Bryan Benson

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

129. Detective J. King Kaplan

DEA South Central Laboratory

130. Allison Krehbiel – Forensic Chemist

131. Kelsey Duxbury – Forensic Chemist

132. Taylor Clark – Forensic Chemist

133. Jay Hopenwasser – Forensic Chemist

134. Victor Bravenec – Forensic Chemist

135. Ramsin Michael – Forensic Chemist

136. Angela Cassidy – Forensic Chemist

137. Abby Minten – Forensic Chemist

138. Allison Anderson – Forensic Chemist
139. Mary Gay – Forensic Chemist
140. Kevin Roberson – Forensic Chemist
141. Paul Galat – Forensic Chemist
142. Taylor Clark – Forensic Chemist
143. Bradley Flemming – Forensic Chemist
144. Denise Williams – Forensic Chemist
145. Victor Bravenec – Forensic Chemist
146. Alexander Nguyen – Forensic Chemist
147. Forensic Chemist Genesis Claro – Forensic Chemist
148. Jasmine Gordon – Forensic Chemist
149. Brandon Wilson – Forensic Chemist
150. Aubrey Brink – Forensic Chemist
151. Xiu Liu – Forensic Chemist
152. Sariah Bahner – Forensic Chemist

New Mexico Department of Public Safety Forensic Laboratories

153. Matthias Strieker – Forensic Chemist

Cooperators (“C”)<sup>1</sup>

154. C 1
155. C 2
156. C 3
157. C 4

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<sup>1</sup> If the United States calls these witnesses in its case-in-chief, it will disclose their identities to opposing counsel via email before trial.

Metlang

158. Aisha Fregoso – Linguist
159. Vanessa Padilla – Linguist
160. Justin Rojas – Linguist
161. Yared Torres – Linguist
162. Esteisy Escalera – Linguist
163. Mariajesus Rodriguez – Linguist
164. Kevin Gonzalez – Linguist
165. Liliana Loya-Cedillo – Linguist
166. Gael Moreno – Linguist
167. Janet Cruz – Linguist
168. Virginia Perez-Ortega – Linguist
169. Hector Astudillo Potes – Linguist
170. Dalia Ramirez – Linguist
171. Jose Orozco – Linguist
172. Jorge Melendez – Linguist
173. Jorge Gandara – Linguist
174. Nayelly Escarcega – Linguist
175. Ricardo Arcibar – Linguist

Talton Communications Inc.

176. Cheryl A. Jarvis – Custodian of Records

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 12th  
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